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Amendment dated May 5, 2004  
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Applicant : Shinji NAKAHARA, et al.  
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**AMENDMENT**

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

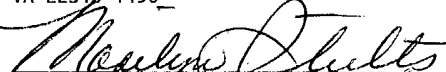
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